

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A partitioning member for partitioning a plurality of adjacent housing parts, said partitioning member comprising a partitioning member main body having a hollow part capable of communicating a plurality of adjacent housing parts and a partition body for partitioning said hollow part,
wherein said partition body is provided at a portion except for the vicinity of openings of said partitioning member main body, and
said partition body and said partitioning member main body are connected through a thin wall part.
2. (original): The partitioning member as claimed in claim 1, wherein a thin wall part and a thick wall part are formed in the connection part between said partition body and said partitioning member main body.
3. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said partition body in a tabular shape is inclined with respect to the plane formed by the opening of said partitioning member main body.

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4. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said partitioning member main body has a tubular and flat shape and in both side parts of said partitioning member main body, a projection strip is provided to protrude from said partitioning member main body to the outer side.

5. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein at least one support member is housed in the hollow part of said partitioning member main body.

6. (original): The partitioning member as claimed in claim 5, wherein a thin strip is provided at one end or both ends of said support member.

7. (original): The partitioning member as claimed in claim 6, wherein one end of said support member in the side not having the thin strip and one end of the opening part of said partitioning member main body are connected through a connection part.

8. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 5, wherein said support member comprises a plurality of ribs and a connection member which connects these ribs in series, and wherein said connection member is divided into two or more parts in the vicinity of the center of said hollow part.

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9. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 5, wherein a plurality of ribs are connected to both ends of said support member at an incline, and said support member has a spring-like structure which continuously extends in a roughly triangular cross-sectional shape.

10. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein the transversal cross section of said partitioning member main body has any one shape selected from the group consisting of a boat form, a rhombic form, an elliptical form and a circular form.

11. (currently amended): The partitioning member as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, wherein said thin wall part is a member which is ruptured as a result of bend deformation of said partitioning member main body.

12. (currently amended): A container comprising the partitioning member claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1.

13. (original): The container as claimed in claim 12, which is a medical container or a food container.

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14. (new): The partitioning member as claimed in claim 2, wherein said partition body in a tabular shape is inclined with respect to the plane formed by the opening of said partitioning member main body.